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The Daily Press.

HONGKONG, JANUARY 26th, 1912.

THE reminder was given at the shareholders' meetings held yesterday that the new Companies Ordinance is now in force. So far as annual meetings of shareholders are concerned two innovations are introduced. In the first place the auditors' report, drawn up in a manner prescribed by the Ordinance, must not only be attached to the balance sheet, but it must also be read before the company in general meeting; and, secondly, auditors must be appointed at each annual general meeting to hold office until the next annual general meeting, and their remuneration must be fixed by the company in general meeting. The directors, however, have power to fill any casual vacancy in the office of auditor. It is of interest to note in this connection that the Ordinance provides that a person, other than a retiring auditor, shall not be capable of being appointed auditor at an annual general meeting unless notice of an intention to nominate that person to the office of auditor has been given by a shareholder to the company not less than fourteen days before the annual general meeting, and the company is required to send a copy of that notice to the retiring auditor and also to give notice thereof to the shareholders, either by advertisement or in any other mode allowed by the articles not less than seven days before the annual general meeting. As to the general objects of the amendments made in the company

law of the Colony we cannot do better than quote what the Attorney General said when he introduced the Bill in the Legislative Council in October 1910. He explained that the main object of the measure was to establish uniformity in the commercial centres of the British Empire in the law relating to companies. Experience in England, he said, had demonstrated how necessary it was that a public company, as regards its directorate, the authenticity of the prospectus, and the responsibility of the directors in regard to the prospectus, the general control of the affairs of a company, and in particular the system of audit, giving the shareholders the right of access to the auditors' report and rendering auditors' duties more stringent, should be safeguarded by express statutory provisions. In open Council there was practically no discussion of the Bill, but we understand the provisions have been very carefully examined by the Law Committee of the Council, who had the Bill under consideration for nearly twelve months, the measure being finally passed on December 7th last. There are 263 sections in the Ordinance, and together with the schedules, it occupies over a hundred foolscap pages of print. In addition to the two changes in the established practice in the Colony which we have already noted, clause 76 in the first schedule seems to put directors to greater inconvenience than heretofore. It provides that the seal of a company shall only be affixed in the presence of two directors and of the Secretary or such other person as the directors may appoint for the purpose, and those two directors and the secretary or other person aforesaid shall sign every instrument to which the seal of the Company is so affixed. Heretofore, it has been the common custom, we believe, say in the case of share transfers, to send the documents to the respective abodes of directors for signature. The provision to which we draw attention apparently means that in future two directors must attend together at the office of the Company to witness the affixing of the seal, "and to sign every instrument to which the seal of the Company is so affixed in their presence." It is conceivable that this may lead to more delay in effecting transfers than has hitherto been the case. Another noteworthy feature of the Ordinance is that amendments have been made in the ordinance strengthening the control over those companies which transact their business outside the Colony, but which are registered here. Shortly after the Bill was introduced in the Legislative Council, it will be remembered that the Chief Justice in a case relating to one of these companies which came before him held that in order to entitle a foreign company to register in this Colony it must in reality carry on business in the Colony. This dictum of the Bench surprised the Government. The Attorney-General a year ago informed the Council that the Government was fully impressed with the importance of this decision, and recognised that it was in the interests both of companies trading in the treaty ports and in the Colony to preserve the existing system, and that no obstacle should be placed in the way of Shanghai or other companies registering here. Accordingly in view of the judgment rendered by the Chief Justice, the Government, it was announced, would submit proposals for the consideration of the Secretary of State with a view to maintaining the status quo ante. What those proposals were has not been publicly announced in Council, but we assume that they are embodied in the first clause which, in sub-section 2 provides that the Ordinance shall apply to every company registered in the Colony "notwithstanding that the whole or part of its business is or may be carried on elsewhere," while sub-section 3 ordains that the Court shall not, in dealing with or making orders in respect of applications made to it under this Ordinance, take into consideration the fact that it may be difficult or impossible to enforce them. Provision is also made to enable these companies to keep local registers. Regarding the ordinance as a whole, it is certainly well calculated to fulfil its main object, which is to promote commercial integrity and to protect the investing public from the avarice of company promoters.

H. M. S. Newcastle arrived in port yesterday from the North. Yesterday's bulletin stated that Lady Lugard continues doing well. The Hon. Mr. C. H. and Mrs. Ross were to have been "at home" yesterday afternoon at their residence, East Point, to members of the Medical Congress, but owing to the unpropitious nature of the weather the event could not take place. This afternoon a party limited to thirty will make a visit to Tai-tok's Dockyard on the invitation of Messrs. Butterfield & Swire, while a reception will be held by Mr. F. J. Hallon on board the Pacific Mail steamer Siberia.

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TELEGRAMS.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

THE REVOLUTION.

PRESIDENT'S DISTRUST OF
YUAN SHIH-KAI.

LONDON, January 25th.

The situation in China has been complicated by Sun Yat Sen's open distrust of Yuan Shih-kai, whom he believes is too much influenced by the Dowager Empress and the younger Manchu Princes, who now seem in favour of immediate hostilities in preference to abdication.

Yuan Shih-kai is surrounded by powerful enemies and still keeps a large body guard.

LABOUR HOPES.

LONDON, January 25th.

Mr. Ben Turner, presiding over the Labour Conference, said their business was to become the ruling party in the state. Regarding the Osborne judgment, he hoped it could be arranged with the Nationalists that Home Rule in Ireland and free trade for Trades Unions would be passed next session. They wanted the votes of all the women as well as the men, and the cry for a legal eight hours needed a revival. They must make the Insurance Act suit the Labourites, and with this end in view they must send more men to fill the Labour benches in Parliament.

THE CRISIS IN ULSTER.

LONDON, January 25th.

The Unionists have taken the Ulster Hall for the 7th February and will hold a concert.

The Secretary of the Belfast Liberal Association had a prolonged conference with Mr. Winston Churchill and others at Downing Street. No statement has been issued. The Master of Elibank will accompany Mr. Churchill to Belfast. Messrs. Redmond, Pirrie, and Devlin will speak.

MORE INDUSTRIAL DISPUTES.

LONDON, January 25th.

A thousand railway carters struck work in the Great Northern Railway Company's yard in London late last evening, owing to the dismissal of a man who refused to do the work of a porter.

It is expected that 4,000 will be out by to-morrow morning.

LONDON, January 25th.

The trouble has not subsided in the Lancashire cotton trade despite the agreement. The operatives are mobbing non-unionists and in some instances they are going on strike in order to force them to join the union. The Board of Trade since the 8th inst., has received 80,000 applications for appointments through the labour exchanges for unemployment insurances.

THE OPIUM CONVENTION.

LONDON, January 25th.

Persia, Siam, Japan, Holland and Russia are among the signatories to the Opium Convention.

The Times correspondent at The Hague states that by the Convention the Powers agree to control the production and distribution of raw opium so far as it is not already regulated, and to limit, according to the differences of their commercial conditions, the number of towns and ports where import and export will be permitted, and to prohibit or control the export of raw opium to countries where its use is prohibited or limited only to authorized persons to carry on the trade where it is permitted. The Powers have undertaken the gradual suppression of the manufacture and use of prepared opium and the local trade therein according to the legislation of the different countries. The Powers are still unable to restrict smoking, but they will adopt restrictions. The Powers having treaties with China will take, in agreement with China, measures against the contraband import of opium, morphine and cocaine into China in their own Far Eastern Colonies and Settlements, and, if they think fit, to enforce Chinese legislation on their own subjects residing in China. They also undertake to restrict smoking and limit the number of shops and dens *pari passu* with China.

THEIR MAJESTIES AT MALTA.

LONDON, January 25th.

Reuter's correspondent at Malta states that in brilliant sunshine the steamer *Medina* entered the harbour amid the salutes from the warships and batteries and cheers from the multitudes.

LATER.

Their Majesties landed and inspected the French battleship *Danton*.

The British and French flags were conspicuous in the decorations.

Their Majesties lunched with the Governor at the Palace and received an ovation from the crowds en route.

They dined with Admiral Pao in the evening and attended a gala opera.

TELEGRAMS.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

FRANCE AND ITALY.

LONDON, January 25th.

There is every prospect of an amicable settlement of the matters in dispute between France and Italy.

LATER.

Paris telegrams state that it is announced that pourparlers are proceeding favourably with regard to the *Manouba* incident.

ITALY AND TURKEY.

LONDON, January 25th.

Italian warships have shelled points on the coast between Gaza and Rafan, causing great terror among the Bedouins.

THE ROYAL VISIT TO NEW YORK.

LONDON, January 25th.

The visit of Their Royal Highnesses the Duke and Duchess of Cornwall and Princess Patricia to New York has been an immense social success. According to some newspapers there has never been such a stir in America since the Declaration of Independence.

The visit to Washington is equally gratifying to Americans.

LATER.

The Duke and Duchess of Cornwall visited Wall Street and received a great ovation. The unfailing good humour of the Royal visitors in the face of the mobbing crowds, persistent photographers, and reporters captivated the Americans. The newspapers devote columns to tributes to the royal visitors whom they acclaim as the most popular foreign notabilities that were ever entertained in the metropolis. Democracy is in raptures over the charm of the Princess, who is described as the idol of New York. One newspaper refers to her as "Princess Pat," which designation was taken up by cheering crowds in the streets.

GOVERNMENT SECURITIES.

LONDON, January 25th.

At a meeting of shareholders in the Union Bank of London, the Governor, Sir Felix Schuster, dwelt on the depreciation of Government securities and insisted on the re-establishment of the Sinking Fund on a permanent basis. He said there had been undue interference with the Sinking Fund by successive chancellors. Financial strength in time of trouble was equally as essential as strength of armaments. He emphasized the fact that there were new burdens of taxation weighing on the investment market, and affirmed that the death duties were economically unsound and destructive to capital.

A PRUSSIAN CELEBRATION.

LONDON, January 25th.

Telegrams from Berlin state that the bicentenary of the birth of Frederick the Great was celebrated throughout Prussia. The Kaiser took part in a parade of troops at Potsdam and afterwards addressed them, saying, "I expect the army in the day of crisis will fight as it did then."

BY-ELECTION AT CARMARTHEN.

LONDON, January 25th.

The bye-election at Carmarthen Boroughs resulted:

Mr. Williams, Liberal	3,836
Mr. Bond, Unionist	2,555
Mr. Vivian, Labour	149

ANGLO-AUSTRALIAN CRICKET.

LONDON, January 25th.

In pleasant weather but before a small attendance Tasmania, on a good wicket, carried their score on the second innings to 165. Marylebone replied with 56 for two wickets.

CHURCH AND STATE IN PORTUGAL.

GOVERNMENT'S DRASTIC ACTION.

The Official Gazette of Portugal on the 20th ult. contained a decree of the Minister of Justice by which the Patriarch of Lisbon, the Archbishop of Guarda, and the Administrator of the Bishopric of Oporto are expelled from their respective dioceses for two years with a corresponding loss of rights and any eventual benefits which they might become entitled to from the State.

The decree declares that this punishment is inflicted on account of the Bishops' refusal to accept certain clauses in the law for the separation of Church and State, and by reason of their conduct in inciting the clergy and the Roman Catholic populace against the Republic's anti-clerical régime. In a letter addressed to the President of the Republic, which is signed by the Patriarch of Lisbon, two Archbishops, and six Bishops, the Portuguese Episcopate declares the impossibility of accepting the Government's interference in ecclesiastical administration, claims that liberty of conscience and belief is inviolable, and maintains its readiness to undergo hardships and poverty rather than submit spiritual matters to the Government's ruling. Though in no way hostile to the new régime, it warns the Government of the danger of embittering Roman Catholics against the Republic, a proceeding which can only lead to disunion in the Portuguese nation.

MACAO.

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)

January 24th.

It is understood that about 60 of the newly-arrived soldiers from Goa will proceed next week to Timor, where a very uneasy state of affairs prevails, as a result of an increase in the poll tax. Senior Marques, while he was Governor of the Colony, fixed the tax at one dollar per head per annum, and I understand that the tax has since been doubled. The increasing taxation in all Portuguese Colonies seems to be creating a deal of unrest.

PIRACY IN MACAO WATERS.

"When the cat's away the mice begin to play" is a familiar proverb. Since the departure of "our Fleet," reports of pirates are current, and I hear the authorities of the Colony are looking about with a view to chartering a few private launches and arming them for patrol duty in the river and Rade.

NEW POSTMASTER-GENERAL.

The new Postmaster-General and family have arrived from Africa, via Lisbon. What need exists for making the change I do not know, but in the present state of the treasury it is felt that the cost of these transfers is a tax that might well have been avoided, for Macao has no money to waste.

THE SANTA CASA.

The Santa Casa has been compelled to suspend its gifts to the poor owing to the exhaustion of its funds. At a time like the present when the poor are keenly affected by the increased cost of daily necessities, this is very deplorable indeed. The circumstances has given rise to some reflections upon the management of the institution, but I have no doubt that if any definite grievance is brought to the notice of Captain Lourenço, the Chairman of the Institution, it will be investigated and rectified.

THE ANNUAL RACE MEETING.

We are now within a month of the annual race meeting held under the auspices of the Hongkong Jockey Club. The first day of the races is Tuesday, February 20th. There are no races the following day (Ash Wednesday), and the second day of the races therefore will be Thursday, the 22nd, and the third on Friday, the 23rd.

The entries having closed a few days ago, we have been favoured with an advance proof of the programme for the three days. One notes the disappearance of the famous Rose a ble, while the Tree stable is represented by only one pony this year. Nevertheless the entries for every race appear to be well up to the usual standard. The largest stables are those of Mr. Ellis Kadourie and "Sir Paul." The races and the number of ponies entered for each are as follow:—

FIRST DAY.	
Wong-wei-shong Stakes	27
Maiden Stakes	17
Victoria Stakes	11
Valley Stakes	33
Poohow Cup	18
Trial Plate	18
Garrison Cup	23
Professional Cup	24
Hongkong Club Cup	15
K.O.Y.L.I. Cup	33
SECOND DAY.	
Jockey Cup	32
Exchange Plate	17
Hongkong Derby	19
Garnham Cup	31
China Stakes	28
Leatano Cup	28
Challenge Cup	19
Royal Navy Cup	32
Parson Cup	18
Gymkhana Club Cup	30
THIRD DAY.	
Taiako Cup	17
Great Southern Stakes	16
Hongkong Stakes	35
Ladies' Purse	20
American Cup	17
Phaeton Stakes	26
Governor's Cup	33
Champion Stakes	32
Consolation Stakes	36
Nil Desperandum Stakes	32
The Taiako Cup has been presented by Mrs. Swire and Mr. G. W. Swire.	

THE ENTRIES FOR THE DERBY.

Following are the entries for the Hongkong Derby:—

Mr. T. S. Forrest's ch. Selkirk	131 11.1
Do. d. Gordon	123 10.9
Mr. Gilpin's w. Snowdrift	123 10.9
Mr. Goodland's blk. Elburz	132 11.4
Do. g. Damavand	130 10.12
Mr. W. J. Gresson's w. Birmingham	125 10.9
Do. g. Euston Hill	132 11.1
Mr. T. F. Hough's g. Madrigal	130 10.12
Mr. Ellis Kadourie's g. Republican	132 11.4
Do. g. Delhi Chief	132 11.4
Do. blk. Durbar	123 10.9
Sir Paul's ch. White Car	123 10.9
Do. ch. White Hawk	131 11.1
Do. g. White Lily	131 11.1
Mr. John Peel's g. Ben Novis	130 10.12
Do. w. Ben Mac	130 10.12
Mr. Soares' g. Snowstorm	131 11.1
Do. g. Diabolini	130 10.12
Mr. Stabb's ch. Wireless	133 11.7

VICTORIA THEATRE.

The management of the Victoria Theatre are to be congratulated on the programme which they have submitted this week. In addition to a number of very fine films, there are no fewer than three vaudeville turns. The latest film is rather melodramatic, as it abounds with sensational incidents, but it is nevertheless full of interest. The new artists are the Lyall Sisters, two smart young ladies whose turn is quite different from that usually shown by vaudeville song and dance artists. They are dainty, tastefully dressed and their dancing is neat and full of vivacity. They secured a splendid reception on their first appearance on Wednesday night. A benefit will be tendered to Miss Lynda Davis, who has made herself very popular with Victoria Theatre audiences, to-night, when a monster programme will be submitted.

SUPREME COURT.

Thursday, 25th January.

IN SUMMARY JURISDICTION.

BEFORE MR. H. H. J. GONPERTZ
(PUNISH JUDGE).

A STEVEDORE'S CLAIM.

Sam Ayeck, stevedore, sued Messrs. Gilman & Co., merchants, for \$664.50, money said to be due for lighterage and demurrage, labour supplied, and launch hire.

Mr. Otto Kong Sing represented the plaintiff, and Mr. E. J. Grist appeared for defendants.

Mr. Otto Kong Sing stated that plaintiff supplied lighters to the defendant company for the conveyance of coal to and from ships. His Lordship—Are the contracts in writing?

Mr. Otto Kong Sing—No, my Lord, but the defendants say the accounts have been settled under a receipt which they will produce. My contention is that these items are items apart from the general settlement and I am prepared to prove that it is so.

Mr. Grist explained that certain items would have been due had not the plaintiff lost 47 tons of coal in transit. It never reached the godowns. Certain other items, including nine days' demurrage, were never due, while other demurrage were absolutely new claims never made before. Neither were certain lighterage charges due, as the defendants sold the coal in respect of which this charge was made ex-ship.

Mr. Otto Kong Sing argued that the receipt did not cover the sum claimed. The defendants never mentioned the loss of 47 tons of coal until after the date of the receipt relied upon.

After hearing evidence, his Lordship entered judgment for plaintiff for \$100, but granted a stay of execution for a week to allow defendants to bring a cross-action.

AN EXPLANATION.

The judgment delivered by the Full Court in the action Li Po Hung v. The Yik Loong Bank, Li Ling Shi, Li Po Lun alias Li Pak, Li Po Lung and Li Po Yung, was, that the action as against the defendants Li Po Lung and Li Po Yung be dismissed with costs, not only of the present hearing but of the previous hearing and of the appeal, which costs are to be paid by the plaintiff Li Po Hung. So far as Li Ling Shi is concerned, no judgment was delivered, but the action was adjourned pending the hearing of a set-off. With regard to Li Po Lun alias Li Pak judgment was given against him.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE.

There will be an Official Dinner at Government House to-night to which the following have been invited: Hon. Dr. Atkinson, Sir Allan Perry, Commodore Eyres, Major Ashburn, Hon. Mr. Clementi, Dr. Bell, Dr. Brown, Dr. Clark, Sir Francis Piggott, Dr. Braundat, Dr. Enomoto, Dr. Forsyth, Hon. Dr. Ho Kai, C.M.G., Dr. Fraser, Dr. Finlayson, Hon. Mr. Wei Yut, C.M.G., Hon. Mr. Hewett, C.M.G., Dr. Freer, Staff Surgeon Purth, Dr. Gauducheau, Major Fleury, Hon. Mr. Pollock, K.C., Dr. Heiser, Dr. Montel, Dr. Middleton, Lt. Col. Gordon Hall, Capt. Neeb, Dr. Nisbet, Colonel Irwin, Hon. Mr. Osborne, Hon. Mr. Rees Davies, K.C., Hon. Mr. Chatham, C.M.G., Dr. Sanson, Dr. Swan, Dr. Jordan, Mr. Gompertz, Dr. Teruchi, Dr. de Vogel, Dr. Muller, Dr. Vortezsch, Capt. Vedder, Dr. Sanders, Dr. Stedman, Mr. Volpicelli, Mr. Anderson, Mons. Paulard, Dr. Noble, Mr. Funatsu, Dr. Watson, Dr. Hatori, Mr. de Reuss, Dr. Fitzwilliams, Capt. Power, Dr. Harrison, Staff Surgeon O'Leary, Major James, Dr. Makita, Dr. Perrin Norris, Dr. M. Edwards, Mr. Carter.

THE MAGISTRACY.

Lance-Sergeant Wills and his detectives boarded a sampan in Yaumati Bay on Wednesday last, and found 55 tins of prepared opium containing 500 taels and valued at \$2,500. The mistress of the sampan and her son were brought before Mr. Irving yesterday. The man was discharged with a caution, but the mistress was fined \$500 or six months' imprisonment.

In the Marine Court yesterday, before Commander Beckwith, R.N., the master of licensed cargo boat 317 was charged with having unlawfully disobeyed the orders of the Harbour Master and with having failed to produce the licence of his boat when required to do so by a police officer. Defendant was fined \$5 on each charge.

Mr. E. A. Irving, at the Magistracy yesterday, held an inquiry into the circumstances connected with the death of Li Cheong, who died in gaol while undergoing six weeks' imprisonment. The following constituted the jury:—E. H. Reis, M. Rafiek and G. Sargon. The medical evidence was to the effect that death was due to natural causes.

The discarding of the queue in the case of the men has been followed by a change in the hair-dressing of the women. Many are now to be seen with the hair hanging down and tied with wide ribbon bows of brilliant hue.

COMPANY MEETINGS.

WEST POINT BUILDING COMPANY.

An ordinary meeting of shareholders in the above Company was held yesterday at the Company's offices. Sir Paul Chater presided, and there were present: Hon. Mr. C. H. Ross, Messrs. J. W. C. Bonnar, C. S. Gubbay (directors), A. Shelton Hooper (Secretary), H. W. Looker, J. M. E. Machado, F. Maitland, E. J. Chapman, M. S. Northcote, and R. C. Edwards.

The Secretary having read the notice convening the meeting.

The CHAIRMAN said—Gentlemen, with your permission we will take the Report and Accounts as read except the Report of the Auditor, which, under the New Companies Ordinance, is required to be read at every Ordinary General Meeting of Shareholders. The Auditor's report, which you will find at the foot of the Balance Sheet, reads as follows:—

"I report that I have audited the above Balance Sheet with the Books and Vouchers of the Company in Hongkong and that in my opinion such Balance Sheet is properly drawn up so as to exhibit a true and correct view of the state of the Company's affairs at the 31st December, 1911, according to the best of my information and the explanations given me, and as shown by the Books of the Company. I have obtained all the information and explanations I have required." (Signed) R. EDWARDS, Auditor.

The Gross Profits for the year under review amount to \$61,915.91 as against \$60,543.92 for that of the previous year. This is accounted for by the slightly increased rental paid by your new lessee, who took over the property from last April last, but as a change of lessee necessitated a thorough reinstatement of the property at a cost of \$5,212.33 as against an expenditure for repairs of only \$2,055.96 during the previous year, our net profits are slightly less. The outgoing lessee paid us \$1,000 for repairs under his lease, which has been credited to Repairs Account, and the absence of any unforeseen extraordinary repairs during this year and our being able to reap the benefit of the increased rental under the present lease for the whole year our profits should be greater and enable us to maintain the dividend of 8 per cent. on the capital now declared.

There being no questions,

The report was adopted, on the motion of the CHAIRMAN, seconded by Mr. LOOKER.

The appointment of Hon. Mr. C. H. Ross, Messrs. C. S. Gubbay and J. G. Mackie to vacancies on the directors, as well as the re-appointment of Mr. C. W. C. Bonnar, was confirmed, on the motion of Mr. MACRADO, seconded by Mr. NORTHCOTE.

Mr. MAITLAND proposed that Sir Paul Chater and Mr. Bonnar be re-elected directors. Mr. EDWARDS seconded, and the motion was agreed to.

On the motion of the CHAIRMAN, seconded by Mr. CHAPMAN, Mr. R. C. Edwards was re-appointed auditor at an annual remuneration of \$50.

The CHAIRMAN—That is all the business, gentlemen. Dividend warrants will be ready on application to-morrow.

HONGKONG LAND RECLAMATION COMPANY.

An ordinary meeting of the shareholders in the above Company was held yesterday at the Company's office, Victoria Buildings. The Hon. Mr. C. H. Ross presided, and there were also present: Sir Paul Chater, Messrs. E. Shellim, C. S. Gubbay (directors), A. S. Hooper, A. A. Fife, Lo Cheung Shiu, Ho Kom Tong, A. E. Ager, J. H. Seth, Ho Fook, and the Secretary (Mr. Mowbray S. Northcote).

The Secretary having read the notice convening the meeting.

The CHAIRMAN read the auditor's report and continued—Our report and balance sheet, having been in your possession for some days, may, I think, be taken as read. There does not appear to be anything in the accounts now before us calling for special comment. As your Chairman informed you at the last meeting, your property at Kennedy Town has been leased at a monthly rental of \$1,000, in addition to which we were able to let for a short period on good terms a portion of our vacant land in Yau-mat, which accounts for the increase in rent account. The house property in Yau-mat continues to be fully occupied and is in good order. No sales of property have occurred during the past year, and we still own 259,254 square feet of land with Marine frontage as Kowloon Point and 429,633 square feet with Marine frontage in Canton Road, Yau-mat, for the disposal of some of which negotiations are now pending and will no doubt have been carried through long before our next meeting. While the net profits for the year are in themselves small, we are again able to pay the usual dividend of 7 per cent. on the paid up capital and to carry forward a sum sufficient to guarantee a like dividend for another year or two, even on an ordinary year's working.

These being no questions,

The report was adopted, on the motion of the CHAIRMAN, seconded by Mr. AGER.

The appointment of Messrs. C. S. Gubbay and E. Shellim to the directorate in place of Messrs. A. S. Levy and W. Logan was confirmed, on the motion of Mr. Ho Kom Tong, seconded by Mr. Ho Fook.

Mr. LO CHEUNG SHIU proposed, and Mr. J. H. Seth seconded, that Messrs. E. Shellim and Ho Tung be re-elected directors.

This was agreed to.

On the motion of the CHAIRMAN, seconded by Mr. FIFE, Messrs. W. H. Potts and A. O. D. Gourdin were re-elected auditors at an annual remuneration of \$50 each.

The CHAIRMAN—That is all the business, gentlemen. Dividend warrants will be ready to-morrow.

HONGKONG LAND INVESTMENT CO.

The ordinary meeting of shareholders in the above Company was held yesterday at the offices, Victoria Buildings. The Hon. Mr. C. H. Ross presided, and there were also present: Sir Paul Chater, C.M.G., Messrs. E. Shellim, C. S. Gubbay, H. P. White, H. A. Sio, and G. Friesland (directors), A. Shelton Hooper (secretary), J. M. E. Machado, J. Robinson, H. W. Looker, F. Maitland, and M. S. Northcote.

The SECRETARY having read the notice convening the meeting.

The CHAIRMAN said—Gentlemen, the Report and Accounts having been in your hands for some time, I will with your approval take them as read, but as is now required under the New Companies Ordinance, I will read to you the report of the Auditors:—

"We report that we have audited the above Balance Sheet with the Books and Vouchers of the Company in Hongkong and that in our opinion such Balance Sheet is properly drawn up so as to exhibit a true and correct view of the state of the Company's affairs at the 31st December, 1911, according to the best of our information and the explanations given us, and as shown by the Books of the Company. We have obtained all the information and explanations we have required." (Signed) H. PERCY SMITH, F.C.A., R. EDWARDS, Auditors.

From the Accounts now before you, you will notice that our gross earnings show an increase of over \$80,000, as compared with those of the previous year. This increase is made up principally by profit on sales of Property, some \$57,000, and increase in our rent roll of over \$24,000, but on the other hand our Commission Account is slightly lower by some \$675. Turning to the other side of the Account, it will be seen that "Charges" are higher by some \$400.

"Repairs" have cost us about \$2,177 more than last year, and the net debit on account of "Interest" has increased by some \$9,600, due as you will no doubt have observed to the smaller revenue now received on account of "Interest on Mortgages." After paying Managing Directors' Fees, and a Final Dividend of \$3 per share, we are therefore enabled to carry forward \$41,759.85 as against \$24,679.39 brought forward from last year. It will, I am sure, be noted with much satisfaction that we are enabled to again show an item of profit from sales of property, also a material increase in the principal item of our normal revenue, the "Rent Account." This has, no doubt, been caused by the large influx of Chinese from the neighboring Provinces, who have come to Hongkong during the past half-year, and there seems no immediate prospect of their returning to China.

A certain amount of the Company's property has been satisfactorily leased for a few years, but the demand has not yet exceeded the supply. During the year under review, the Company's property has been efficiently maintained, the large sum of \$32,973 having been expended in placing it in a good state of repair. I think it well to call attention to the New Companies Ordinance, the provisions of which have in many cases been made very stringent, with a view, presumably, of still further safeguarding the shareholders' interests. As I have already stated, it requires the Auditors' certificate to be read to you, and to be worked in a certain way. It also enacts that the remuneration to be paid to Auditors shall in future be fixed by shareholders at the Ordinary General Meeting, and not, as hitherto, by your Board of Directors. It becomes necessary therefore for you to do so to-day, and a resolution to that effect will be submitted for your approval. Before proposing the adoption of the Report and Accounts, if shareholders have any questions to put to me, I will endeavour to answer them to the best of my ability.

There being no questions,

The CHAIRMAN moved that the report and statement of accounts be adopted.

Mr. MAITLAND—I have much pleasure in seconding, and in doing so I think shareholders should congratulate themselves on the sound position of their Company. Their thanks are due to the directors and the staff for managing their affairs so well. I think we are now in what we may call such a sound position that we can look forward—for dividends, after all, are what shareholders have in view—to a steady seven per cent., and possibly in time to a little increase. For many years past, I think I am right in saying, huge profits were made on property and huge dividends were paid. They were perhaps too big, and if we do make large profits I hope the directors will consider whether they should not put some aside and not pay it all away in dividends. Our interests are in good hands, and I hope the directors will consider my suggestions. It is better to build up the Company rather than pay big dividends. With these few remarks I beg to second the adoption of the report.

The CHAIRMAN—I am sure your remarks will have the consideration of the directors. I hope your optimistic prognostications will prove correct.

The motion was agreed to.

Mr. LOOKER moved that the appointment of Messrs. E. Shellim and C. S. Gubbay to the vacancies on the directorate be confirmed.

Mr. MAITLAND seconded, and the motion was agreed to.

On the motion of Mr. MACRADO, seconded by Mr. MAITLAND, Messrs. H. A. Sio and C. S. Gubbay were re-elected directors.

The CHAIRMAN proposed that Messrs. H. Percy Smith and R. C. Edwards be re-appointed auditors at a remuneration of \$500 each per annum.

Mr. LOOKER seconded, and the motion was agreed to.

The CHAIRMAN—That is all the business, gentlemen. Dividend warrants will be ready to-morrow on application. Thank you for your attendance.

UNION WATERBOAT COMPANY, LIMITED.

The report of this Company is as follows:—

The General Managers have now the pleasure to submit their Annual Report and Statement of the Company's Accounts made up to 31st December, 1911.

The net profits for the year ended 31st December, 1911, after allowing for Consulting Committee and Auditor's fees, amounting to \$21,307.69.

The General Managers recommend the payment of a dividend of 7 1/2 per cent., which will absorb \$20,792.25, write off \$20,000.00 from the value of the Waterboats, \$418.04 from the value of Pipes and Staging, and carry forward a balance of \$97.40 to the new Account.

Consulting Committee:—Since the last meeting Mr. E. Shawan and Mr. C. G. Gok have resigned, and Mr. C. A. Tomes has joined the Committee.

Auditors:—The Accounts under review have been audited by Mr. A. O. D. Gourdin.

DONWELL & Co., Ltd., General Managers.

Hongkong, 19th January, 1912.

BALANCE SHEET.

Liabilities.

Share Capital.

Authorized—50,000 shares of \$10 each \$500,000

Issued—27,735 shares of \$10 each fully paid \$277,230.00

Sundry Creditors ... 5,027.34

Unclaimed Dividends ... 1,010.30

Special Repairs Account ... 11,955.18

Insurance Fund ... 11,000.00

Profit and Loss Account, Balance ... 41,307.69

\$347,531.51

Assets.

Waterboats as per last account ... \$236,697.15

Less amount written off ... 11,000.00

Pipes and Staging as per last account ... 50.00

Furniture ... 19,506.98

Cash in Bank and in hand ... 90,000.00

Hongkong Bank Fixed Deposit ... 500.00

Hongkong Government Deposit ... 2,853.56

Sundry Debtors ... 125.62

Proportion of unexpired Licences ... 380.16

Stock of Hoss, etc. ... 380.16

\$347,531.51

PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT

For the year ending 31st December, 1911.

Dr.

To Consulting Committee's Fees ... \$ 600.00

To Auditor's Fee ... 100.00

To Balance ... 41,307.69

\$ 42,007.69

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By Balance from last account ... \$ 687.06

By Interest ... 3,242.88

By Transfer Fees ... 25.00

By Profit on Trading for the year ... 38,052.75

\$ 42,007.69

DONWELL & Co., Ltd., General Managers.

I report that I have audited the above Balance Sheet with the Books and Vouchers of the Company in Hongkong and that in my opinion such Balance Sheet is properly drawn up so as to exhibit a true and correct view of the state of the Company's affairs at the 31st December 1911, according to the best of my information and the explanations given, and as shown by the Books of the Company. I have obtained all the information and explanations I have required.

A. O. D. GOURDIN, Auditor.

Hongkong, 19th January, 1912.

TIN IN CHINA.

PROGRESS OF INDUSTRY IN YUNNAN PROVINCE.

Consul Leo A. Berghols, in a recent report to the Department of Commerce and Labor, says that the tin mines in the province of Yunnan, in China, supply from 4 to 5 per cent. of the world's consumption of tin. The mines cover an immense area and have been operated by the Chinese for centuries. During the past decade there has been an increase in production. A large part of the tin is exported, but a considerable part is used by the Chinese in coinage of "token" money and in the manufacture of "silver joss," a paper which is largely burned by the Chinese during their religious ceremonies.

The process of refining the tin ore cannot be carried out to a very great degree by the rather crude native appliances at the mines, and the tin slabs made by the native miners are therefore sent to Hongkong, where several works are engaged in further refining the metal. Consul Berghols says that the exports of refined tin from China in 1906 amounted to 9,053,177 pounds, in 1907 to 8,156,790 pounds, in 1908 to 10,635,345 pounds, and in 1909 to 9,331,775 pounds. Chinese refined tin contains from 99 1/2 to 99 3/4 per cent. of pure metal.

While China has not yet engaged in the manufacture of tinplate or tinned plates, their manufacture could very easily be established. At Hankow the works of the Hanyang Iron and Steel Company are equipped with modern blast furnaces, Bessemer converters, open-hearth steel furnaces, and many up-to-date rolling-mill appliances. Steel rails, fish plates, bars, structural shapes, plates, rods, and other forms of iron and steel are now rolled. Trains or rolls for manufacturing black plates for tinning and for dipping the plates could readily be added to the works and skilled workmen could be imported from the United States. Wales or from some of the Continental countries, nearly all of which now manufacture tinplate. Should the supply of Chinese tin prove to be inadequate the metal could be obtained from the Straits Settlements, which now supply over one-half of the world's consumption of tin, or from Australia. At the present time America is importing on the Pacific Coast from China considerable quantities of coke, iron ore and pig iron. Should that country decide to engage in the manufacture of tinplate it would experience no difficulty in capturing the Coast tinplate market. Its labour cost of 10 or 15 cents a day would compare with the American labour cost of about \$2 a day.

HAMBURG LETTER.

HAMBURG, 4th January.

TRADE REVIEW.

The Chamber of Commerce in its annual report says that the steady, though slow, improvement in trade during the previous two years has made further progress in 1911, more especially in the first half of it; in the second the shadows of future complications that had been noticeable for some time became darker, producing a feeling of uneasiness, that arrested the even course of things and obscured the outlook. Amongst the disturbing elements political difficulties, some entirely unforeseen, stand first; but however great the direct commercial interests of Germany involved in the fate of Morocco, in the rebellion in China, the occurrences in Persia and the hostilities in Tripoli may be, the indirect effect of these events on trade generally was more important and far-reaching, for they created a feeling of uncertainty and a want of confidence that checked enterprise. Labour troubles have likewise affected business adversely and, although Germany herself has escaped serious disturbances in that respect during the year under review, the strikes in France and Great Britain have given rise to grave apprehensions as to the future relations of masters and men chiefly on account of the numerous acts of violence committed by the latter and the wanton destruction of goods. The dread of further developments in the same direction weighs heavily on the industries of the country, impeding their free expansion, whilst they prove once more the absolute necessity of employers drawing closer together in order to be better able to protect their interests against the growing aggressiveness of their hands.

Another circumstance prejudicial to trade has been the rise in the cost of most of the necessities of life, and the fruitless discussions as to the best and surest means of mitigating the evil. Fortunately the cereal crops have turned out better than expected and have to some extent made up for the shortage in roots and feeding stuffs.

The German money market, too, has in the course of the year experienced many surprises and sudden difficulties. The political complications and the fears to which they gave birth and, still more, perhaps, the scarcity of money in the country itself, caused France to withdraw rather suddenly the greater part of her investments in Germany, and others followed her example. The markets here stood the strain well, aided to some extent by the influx of money from the United States seeking employment in this country; the amount of the latter, however, as should be mentioned, bears no comparison with that of American securities held in Germany.

The test was all the more severe, as owing to the inflated prices of most raw materials heavy requirements of the home trade had to be met at the same time.

The different industries seem to have been doing well during the past twelve months, most manufacturers are fully engaged for some time to come, but profits will be somewhat below those of last year in consequence of the enhanced cost of raw materials, the rise in wages and the increased social burdens. In some branches, however, a certain uneasiness prevails with regard to the renewal of the combines such as that of the steel and iron works and of the coal syndicate.

The statistical returns of imports and exports are on the whole satisfactory, although the high prices of coffee, sugar, rice, feeding stuffs and other articles on the one hand and the sharp decline in others such as cotton, India-rubber, etc., on the other, could not but affect imports to some extent. Exports show a considerable increase, the abundant crops and the high range of prices obtained for them having increased the purchasing power of the population in the producing countries abroad.

On the subject of the commercial relations with other countries, the report remarks that the provisional treaty with Great Britain granting to the mother country and her dependencies the benefit of the most-favoured nation clause in Germany has been renewed, but that such temporary agreements afford but a precarious and uncertain basis for trade between the two countries.

As a further step in the development of the end of the last century led the British Government, at the instigation of Canada, to denounce the treaty of May 30, 1865, the Colonial Conference at its meeting in London last summer passed a resolution (again at the suggestion of Canada) asking the Government to terminate the commercial treaties with all other States as far as the self-governing colonies are concerned, in order that the latter might be perfectly independent with regard to their commercial policy. Since then a reaction, strange to say, seems to have set in, for the results of the recent elections to the Dominion Parliament leave no doubt that the majority of the people are opposed to the treaty, concluded by the Government with the United States and already ratified by the House of Representatives in Washington, in which

preferential treatment to a considerable extent is conceded, and that it will therefore have to be dropped.

Germany has in the year under review entered into important commercial treaties with Sweden and Japan, both of which countries had raised their tariffs materially. The negotiations on these occasions have proved once more that the extreme protective policy of the Imperial Government renders it difficult to obtain adequate concessions from other Powers, and as the rapid growth of the industries in this country makes it imperative that all markets should be open to them on easy terms, the conviction is gaining ground in manufacturing circles that a gradual reduction of the import duties should be taken into serious consideration.

After an exhaustive review of the trade of the port with the States of Southern and Central America, with the United States, and with British and Dutch India, the report goes on to say with regard to China that the fearful ravages of the plague in the Northern Provinces in the first six months of the year, the inundations and the famine that followed in the Yangtze Valley and the outbreak and the spread of the revolutionary movement since, then have frustrated the hopes of returning prosperity raised in the beginning of the year by an improved demand for imported goods and the clearing off of the stocks that had been accumulating during former seasons of depression. The export trade proved the most disappointing; the balance of old crop cotton was shipped to Europe at steadily declining prices, but the limits received later on for new crops were so low that the home markets and Japan offered better chances to sellers. Business in soya beans with Manchuria was stopped by the plague, whilst the destruction of the rice fields in the Yangtze Valley by the floods caused great distress amongst the population of the adjoining provinces, particularly as the price of the article in foreign markets, whence supplies might have been drawn, was high everywhere. Trade generally suffered from the famine that ensued and was, as far as the interior of the country is concerned, stopped almost entirely by the revolution. Stocks of all kinds of produce are now accumulating there, the railways and other means of transport being monopolized by the military. Trade has consequently come to a standstill up-country; the Chinese banks have been closed and most of the native merchants have left the towns. There is still a little business doing along the coast, whilst there is less depression in Tientsin and the Southern Provinces, but there, too, disturbances have occurred. The duration of the political upheaval, which although intensified by famine and disease, has a deeper cause in the political and social conditions of the country, is impossible to foresee, but should peace be restored and radical reforms be permanently established, China may be expected to come more under the influence of Western civilisation than hitherto and may afford better opportunities for the expansion of her trade.

The trade of Japan has for years been hampered by the system of monopolies, high tariffs, subventions and paternal legislation adopted by the Government, and the past year has brought no improvement, although the yield of the chief products of the country such as silk, tea and rice has been abundant. The quantity of silk available for export is estimated at ¥3,160,000, about one half of the total requirements of the world; the rice crop is said to be the greatest on record, viz., 50 million kokus, whilst prices, owing to a partial failure of the harvest in the neighbouring countries, are high. The import trade during the first half of the year, in anticipation of the coming into force of the new tariff in July, has been very active, and the surplus of goods seems to have been readily absorbed. The revolution in China has, however, suspended the demand for Japanese manufactures for those parts, and the effects of this upon the industries of the country cannot be gauged at present.

Korea, the development of which, under Japanese rule, is proceeding satisfactorily, bids fair to become the chief supplier of breadstuffs in future.

The report expresses satisfaction at the progress made in the German colonies, and a wish that, since the construction of railways has proved of such immense advantage to all of them, new lines may speedily be taken in hand.

The passages on the shipping trade of the port may be skipped, as they contain little that has not been stated by Herr Ballin in the interview reported in my last letter. Nor is there anything new in the remarks on the increased harbour dues proposed by the Senate and the navigation dues lately passed by the Reichstag; the arguments for and against being much the same as those stated on former occasions.

The remainder of the report, dealing principally with subjects of more local interest, I omit, in order to avoid trespassing too much on your space.

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FAMINE RELIEF WORK IN
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The Central China Famine Relief Committee has issued a long statement from which we take the following:—

Rev. E. C. Lobenzine, Secretary of the Central China Famine Relief Committee, has just returned from a trip to the Wahai district. He says that it is the judgment of the local Committee of work to be done is the rebuilding of a big dyke along the river sixty miles long. Unless this is done a large district of country cannot be protected from flood at high water. Within this district, however, there are a great many very large land owners, and it has been proposed that a tax be levied for the building of this dyke. The Central China Famine Relief Committee to assist the small land owners who have been ruined by the flood, and oversee the work.

The Committee is thus placing the responsibility for the reclamation of this district upon the gentry, where it belongs. The Committee takes the attitude that if they want to let their land lie under eight feet of water, let it stay there.

A number of these land owners live in Shanghai, and the Chinese members of the Central China Famine Relief Committee are taking measures to have the Chinese Chamber of Commerce in Shanghai call these together to present to them the need for action on their part.

Meanwhile the Committee will build a smaller dyke to provide labour for the refugees about Wahai, and furnish to the gentry an object lesson of the Committee's methods of work.

In this manner, money given to the Central China Famine Relief Committee will not only itself save life, but will lead to the employment by Chinese land owners of many who would otherwise perish.

SAFEGUARDING THE USE OF FAMINE FUNDS.
The Central China Famine Relief Committee is putting into operation in China the "Test works" plan of investigating famine conditions as developed by the British Government in India.

The Hon. G. G. White, chief engineer of the Public Works Department for London, thus describes the plan: "In order to know where and when to open famine relief works, test works are opened in the scarcity tract, which immediately make clear whether famine relief work is really required. Often it happens that the people from the nearest villages come into the works, stay a few days, find that they must work hard, and leave, plainly showing there is no real famine. If they remain, and recruits keep coming in, they are taken care of by extending the work."

This plan is being put into operation in the Ningpo district and will be used elsewhere wherever any question is raised as to real need for famine relief. In most places, however, the desperate need is beyond question.

In India there has often been great difficulty in finding suitable work to do, and much of the work done by the Government in relieving famine has been of a useless nature. In China there is an abundance of work to be done in repairing dykes and digging canals which will be of permanent value in preventing future floods and famines.

THE COMMITTEE.

The Central China Famine Relief Committee takes the place of the three Committees which existed last year, and its work along certain new lines.

In previous famines, although it was recognised as desirable to give relief chiefly in return for work, and this was to a considerable extent carried out, for the larger part rice was simply given away to those in need, and little attempt at preventive measures was undertaken. The distinctive thing about the present Famine Committee is its ambition to become the last of its kind in China. Its desire is to create a public sentiment that the full responsibility for undertaking a programme of conservation, and to make the work which the Committee does this year the beginning in such a programme. It is the object of the Committee not only to secure money in China and abroad for famine relief in the form of work, but to influence the Government to spend its money in the same way, so as to avoid pauperization in saving life, and to prevent the recurrence of famine.

The missionaries living in the famine districts have felt keenly the burden of continued famine relief year after year, which breaks into the continuity of the regular work carried on at their stations. At a meeting of missionaries at Kailang during last summer, they decided upon a policy of no relief without work, except in the case of those incapacitated for work, and to appoint representatives to push the organization of a new committee.

The Committee is made up of Chinese and foreigners in equal number. Some of the leading business interests in Shanghai are represented on the Executive Committee. The Treasurer is the Manager of the International Banking Corporation.

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CHINA.
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The Hwai River region is one of the most densely populated areas in the world. Prof. Baile estimates, however, that there is enough land, which the people have thought impossible to cultivate, to support a population of one million. It is his intention to secure tracts of such land for dry farming. He has for some time had a large group of famine sufferers at work in the vicinity of Nanking and is forming a colony of a number of the most suitable farmers selected from this number.

There will be allotted small farms on trial, and if they prove industrious will be given the opportunity of purchasing the land. Assistance will be rendered them until the first crop be harvested, after which they will be expected to support themselves. The plan contemplates the payment of a reasonable amount of taxation and the ultimate return of the original investment, most of the earlier payments to be in the form of labour.

The New Government of Nanking is deeply interested in this plan and has granted permission to Prof. Baile to develop in this way a large amount of Government land in the vicinity of Nanking.

This will be an object lesson to the Chinese gentry and land owners which can not but stimulate them to permanent measures of reclamation and colonization.

SUPPRESSION OF OPIUM INCREASES FAMINE IN CHINA.

The suppression of the cultivation of the poppy in North Anhui has accentuated the severity of famine conditions, and the people are now being driven to raising opium in this district as a means of getting a crop this year. A few years ago large districts in Northern Anhui were devoted to the raising of opium. This crop could be harvested before the high water season and sale was always certain at a price.

Instead of opium, wheat has been planted, but the wheat harvest does not come until later, with the result that harvest after harvest has been lost through flood conditions. Where a man could fill two Standard Oil tins with opium and carry them to market, it now takes many men to transport the same value in wheat, and the market is much less certain.

A large acreage has been recently planted with opium. For the future, the opening of the Tientsin-Pukow Railway will change these conditions, but for the present the distressed world, which has been so deeply interested in China's fight against this colossal curse, should stand behind these people in the losses which have come to them through this source.

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SHANG, British str., 1,228, E. B. Simons, 20th Jan.—Shanghai 17th January, General—Butterfield & Swire.

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FRIDAY, 26TH JANUARY, 1912.

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FOR STEAMERS DATE OF DEPARTURE.
LONDON & ANTWERP "PEMBROKESHIRE" On 3rd Feb.
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MAIL SCHEDULE
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STEAMERS	ARRIVE HONGKONG FROM AUSTRALIA.	LEAVE HONGKONG FOR AUSTRALIA.
ST. ALBANS	3rd Feb.	Saturday, 3rd Feb.
AIDENHAM	9th Feb.	Saturday, 7th Feb.
EASTERN	8th March	Saturday, 2nd March.
EMPIRE		Saturday, 30th March.

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TJILIWONG	JAPAN	First half of Feb.	JAVA	First half of Feb.
TJIMAH	JAVA	First half of Feb.	JAPAN	Second half of Feb.
TJITAROEM	JAVA	First half of March.	JAPAN	First half of March.
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KANBU, British str., 1,668, K. E. Thobson, 24th Jan. - Moji 19th Jan. Coal - Butterfield & Swire.
KNIGHT OF THE THISTLE, British str., 4,256, G. S. Baker, 25th Jan. - from New York, Kerosene oil - Standard Oil Co.
LINAN, British str., 1,350, C. C. Williams, 24th Jan. - Shanghai 21st Jan. General - Butterfield & Swire.
NEWCASTLE, British str., 4,800, G. O. P. Hunt, 25th Jan. - Shanghai 22nd Jan. - Prinz Waldemar, German str., 1,737, H. Bremer, 25th Jan. - Yokohama 18th Jan. General - Moloers & Co.
SIGNAL, German str., 907, J. Scorsen, 24th Jan. - Pukohi 22nd Jan. General and Rice - Jensen & Co.
SILVERBIRCH, British str., 2,305, A. McGregor, 25th Jan. - Liverpool 11th Dec. General - Bank Line, Ltd.

CLEARANCES.

AT THE HARBOUR MASTER'S OFFICE.
25th January.
Antioch, British str., for Manila.
Devonport, German str., for Bangkok.
Hainan, British str., for Swatow.
Phoenicia, German str., for Swatow.
Silverbirch, British str., for Liverpool.

DEPARTURES.

25th January.
ASANI MARU, Japanese str., for Dairen.
CHENAN, British str., for Shanghai.
DOYNE, Norwegian str., for Port Bayard.
FAUSANG, British str., for Hongkong.
HATTEN, British str., for Swatow.
HIKOGAN MARU, Japanese str., for Milke.
KWANGHUI, Chinese str., for Canton.
LANDRAT SCHRIFF, German str., for Swatow.
MICHAEL JENSEN, German str., for Swatow.
ONBANG, British str., for Canton.
PELUS, British str., for Liverpool.

SHIPPING REPORTS.

The British str. Silverbirch reports: Strong gales and light seas throughout passage.

PASSENGERS.

ARRIVED.
Per Linan, from Shanghai, Miss G. Stief.
Per Prinz Waldemar, from Yokohama, K. Dr. Norris and Dr. Müller.
Per Derfflinger, for Hongkong, from Hamburg, Mr. and Mrs. H. Brown; from Southampton, Mr. C. J. Blake; from Genoa, Mr. and Mrs. Hoffmeister, Mr. and Mrs. J. Reilly, Mr. L. Lejors, Mr. V. Schlatter, Mr. J. Menzi and family, Mr. Carl Ledermann, Mr. J. Landahl, Dr. Behrmann, Mr. Stoll, Dr. Burgen, Dr. Rörkner, Mr. and Mrs. H. Olden, Mrs. G. G. Rörkner, Mr. and Mrs. W. Sakumoto, E. Grub, Rudolph and Ernest Pocklin, from Colombo, Mr. W. C. Harley, from Penang, Mr. P. B. Lambert; from Singapore, Mr. Hollabach, Mr. G. F. Allen, Mr. and Mrs. Garret, Mr. W. Chisholm, Mr. T. A. Dobbs, Miss C. Cowles, Mrs. Murchison, Dr. Nieden and Dr. Chaste.
DEPARTED.
Per Berlin, for Singapore, Mrs. R. E. Miller, Mrs. T. Miller, Mr. R. T. Tobin, Mr. D. C. Alexander, Baronesse Grotz, Rev. M. Roban and party, Mr. Paul Becker, Mr. and Mrs. Cooper, Mr. H. Nussmann, Mr. F. Lehmann, Mr. S. L. Frenn, Mr. A. Brown and party, for Colombo, Mrs. H. W. Mack, Mrs. S. S. Harries, Mrs. R. B. Given, Mrs. T. E. Forbes, Miss A. M. Forbes and Mr. G. H. Brook; for Naples, Dr. F. Dorgell, for Port Said, Mr. Chas. P. Gilchrist, for Genoa, Mrs. S. Brandenstein, Mr. and Mrs. A. Winslow, Mrs. H. N. Cook, Mr. E. P. Thompson, Mr. and Mrs. Morgan, Mr. and Mrs. S. B. Karts, Miss Bement and party; for London, Mr. F. E. Rivett, Mr. and Mrs. F. F. Walsh, Rev. and Mrs. Adams, Mrs. Brouelle and children; for Southampton, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Willet, Mr. and Mrs. J. Weeks; for Hamburg, Mr. D. Hansen; for Bremen, Mrs. and Miss Chamberlain, Major W. P. Chamberlain, Mrs. Wehlo; for New York, Mr. and Mrs. W. Wallace.

VESSELS EXPECTED.

THE AMERICAN MAIL.
The P. M. S.S. Co. str. Manchuria sailed from Yokohama on the 22nd inst., calling at Kobe, Nagasaki, Shanghai and Manila, and is due to arrive at Hongkong on the 6th prox.
The T.K.K. str. Otago Maru sailed from Honolulu on the 16th inst. for Hongkong, and is due to arrive at this port on or about the 6th prox.
The P. M. S.S. Co. str. Mongolia sailed from San Francisco 23rd inst. en route to Hongkong, via Honolulu, Yokohama, Kobe, Nagasaki and Manila, and is due to arrive at Hongkong on the 23rd prox.

THE AUSTRALIAN MAIL.
The E. & A. str. Eastern left Sydney on the 17th inst. for this Port (via Queensland Ports, Port Darwin and Manila).
The E. & A. str. Aldenham from Sydney left Thursday Island on the 22nd inst., is due at Manila on the 30th inst., and this port on the 3rd prox.

THE CANADIAN MAIL.
The C.P.R. Co. str. Empress of Japan arrived at Yokohama at 8 a.m. on the 25th inst., and leaves again at 3 p.m. same day for Kobe, where she is due to arrive at 3 p.m. on the 26th inst.

THE INDIAN MAIL.
The Apex str. Gregory Apar from Calcutta left Singapore on the 23rd inst. afternoon, and may be expected here on or about the 29th inst.

MERCHANT STEAMERS.
The P. & O. S. N. Co. str. Nile is expected to arrive at Hongkong to-morrow at 8 a.m.
The N.Y.K. str. Ceylon Maru (Bombay Line) left Bombay for this port via Singapore on the 12th inst., and is expected here on the 30th inst.

The T.K.K. str. Kyo Maru sailed from Yokohama on the 21st inst. for Hongkong, and is expected to arrive at this port on or about the 3rd prox.

The I.G.M. str. Coblenz left Sydney on the 15th inst., at 2 p.m., and may be expected here on or about the 4th prox.

The str. Glenloch passed the Suez Canal on the 9th inst., and is due here on or about the 9th prox.

The Arthur Nilsson & Co. str. Yeddo left Port Said on the 11th inst., and is expected here on or about the 10th prox.

The str. Sierres from Puget Sound left Tacoma on the 1st inst. for Hongkong and Manila via Japan Ports.
The "Mogul" Line str. Lennox left United

VESSELS ADVERTISED AS LOADING.

To ascertain the anchorage of any Vessel, the Harbour has been divided into Four Sections commencing from Green Island. Vessels anchoring nearest Kowloon are marked "k," nearest Hongkong "h," midway between Hongkong and Kowloon "m," and those vessels berthed at the Kowloon Wharf "k.w." together with the number denoting the section.

SECTIONS.

1. From Green Island to the Harbour Master's 2. From Harbour Master's to Blake Pier 3. From Blake Pier to Naval Yard 4. From Naval Yard to East Point

DESTINATION.	VESSEL'S NAMES.	FLAG & REG.	BERTH	CAPTAIN.	FOR FREIGHT APPLY TO	TO BE DESPATCHED
LONDON, &c. via USUAL PORTS OF CALL.	ARCADIA	Brit. str.	—	S. Barham	P. & O. S. N. Co.	On 3rd Feb. at Noon.
LONDON & ANTWERP via SINGAPORE, &c.	PERMORSHIRE	Brit. str.	—	H. N. Rivers, R.N.R.	JARDINE MATHESON & Co., Ltd.	On 3rd Feb.
ROTTERDAM, HAMBURG & ANTWERP, &c.	NTANZA	Brit. str.	—	Faces	P. & O. S. N. Co.	About 7th Feb.
ROTTERDAM, HAMBURG & ANTWERP, &c.	SPEZIA	Ger. str.	k.w.	Ruch	HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINE	On 29th Feb.
HAYRE, ROTTERDAM & HAMBURG, &c.	SAMBIA	Ger. str.	k.w.	Reuss	HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINE	On 6th Feb.
HAYRE, ROTTERDAM & HAMBURG, &c.	SILSIA	Ger. str.	k.w.	Diedrichs	HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINE	On 13th Feb.
MARSEILLES, ROTTERDAM & HAMBURG, &c.	GOLDENFELS	Ger. str.	k.w.	Deinert	HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINE	On 1st March.
MARSEILLES, LONDON & ANTWERP via SINGAPORE, &c.	SEGOTIA	Ger. str.	k.w.	H. Fraser	HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINE	On 29th inst.
MARSEILLES, LONDON & ANTWERP via SINGAPORE, &c.	HIBANO MARU	Jap. str.	—	K. Kawata	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	On 31st inst., at D'light.
MARSEILLES, ROTTERDAM & HAMBURG, &c.	SAXONIA	Ger. str.	k.w.	Stehr	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	On 14th Feb. at D'light.
MARSEILLES, ROTTERDAM & HAMBURG, &c.	AMBERIA	Ger. str.	k.w.	Ernst	HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINE	On 16th Feb.
MARSEILLES, ROTTERDAM & HAMBURG, &c.	AWA MARU	Jap. str.	—	Irisawa	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	On 30th inst., at Noon.
VICTORIA, B.C. & TACOMA via SHANGHAI, &c.	PANAMA MARU	Jap. str.	—	—	OSAKA SHOSEN KAISHA	On 3rd Feb. at 11 a.m.
VICTORIA, B.C. & TACOMA via SHANGHAI, &c.	SEATTLE MARU	Jap. str.	—	—	OSAKA SHOSEN KAISHA	On 22nd Feb. at 11 a.m.
NEW YORK	ARAGONIA	Ger. str.	k.w.	Meyer	HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINE	On 6th Feb.
NEW YORK via SUEZ CANAL.	KARONGA	Am. str.	—	A. Alborn	SHAWAN, TOMES & Co.	About 6th March.
NAPLES GENOA ALGIERS, GIBRALTAR & SOUTHAMPTON	GOEBEN	Ger. str.	—	E. Tarabochia	MELCHERS & Co.	On 6th Feb. at Noon.
TRIESTE, &c. via SINGAPORE, &c.	BOHEMIA	Am. str.	—	W. Davidson	SANDER, WHEELER & Co.	On 19th Feb. at 5 p.m.
TRIESTE, POME, via SINGAPORE, &c.	PAIHAN	Brit. str.	—	W. W. Green	SANDER, WHEELER & Co.	About 22nd Feb.
BOSTON & NEW YORK	EMPEROR OF INDIA	Brit. str.	2 m.	H. Bremer	DOUGLAS LAFRAIT & Co.	About 13th Feb.
VANCOUVER via SHANGHAI, JAPAN, &c.	LUCERNE	Brit. str.	2 m.	T. Sekine	CANADIAN PACIFIC R.O. Co.	To-morrow, at 7 a.m.
VANCOUVER, B.C., SEATTLE & PORTLAND, &c.	MONTEAGLE	Brit. str.	2 m.	K. Homma	THE BANK LINE, LIMITED	On 23rd March, at Noon.
VANCOUVER via SHANGHAI, JAPAN, &c.	SIBERIA	Am. str.	—	M. Yagi	PACIFIC MAIL S.S. Co.	To-morrow, at 1 p.m.
SAN FRANCISCO via SHANGHAI & JAPAN, &c.	CHINA	Am. str.	—	E. Mooney	PACIFIC MAIL S.S. Co.	On 2nd Feb. at 1 p.m.
SAN FRANCISCO via SHANGHAI & JAPAN, &c.	CHIYO MARU	Jap. str.	—	E. Presch	OSAKA SHOSEN KAISHA	On 16th Feb. at Noon.
AUSTRALIAN PORTS via MANILA	PRINZ WALDEMAR	Ger. str.	—	C. C. Williams	GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co.	On 3rd Feb.
AUSTRALIAN PORTS via MANILA	ST. ALBAN	Brit. str.	—	Spencer Wilde	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	On 16th Feb. at Noon.
YOKOHAMA & KOBE via SHANGHAI	YAWATA MARU	Jap. str.	—	E. F. Dady, R.N.R.	SANDER, WHEELER & Co.	About 18th Feb.
YOKOHAMA & KOBE via SHANGHAI	YONWARTS	Am. str.	—	Hori	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	On 1st Feb. at 11 a.m.
KOBE & YOKOHAMA	AKI MARU	Jap. str.	—	Diedrichs	MELCHERS & Co.	About 6th Feb.
KOBE & YOKOHAMA	COBLENZ	Ger. str.	—	D. C. Gregor, R.N.R.	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	On 14th Feb. at Noon.
MEXICAN, PERUVIAN & CHILEAN via JAPAN	NIKKO MARU	Jap. str.	—	Rooy	YOKO-CHINA-JAPAN LINE	On 11th Feb. at Noon.
JAPAN	KIYO MARU	Jap. str.	—	E. Tarabochia	JARDINE MATHESON & Co., Ltd.	Quick despatch.
TSINGTAU, WEIHAIWEI & CHEFOO	CHIPPING	Brit. str.	—	C. C. Williams	SANDER, WHEELER & Co.	On 30th inst. at Noon.
SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA	DERFFLINGER	Ger. str.	—	E. F. Dady, R.N.R.	DOUGLAS LAFRAIT & Co.	To-day, at 5 p.m.
SHANGHAI	NIPPON	Brit. str.	1 m.	Richards	DOUGLAS LAFRAIT & Co.	To-morrow, at 11 a.m.
SHANGHAI	HAPOANG	Brit. str.	—	A. H. Stewart	DOUGLAS LAFRAIT & Co.	On 28th inst. at 10 a.m.
SHANGHAI MOJI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA	NILE	Brit. str.	—	J. W. Evans	DOUGLAS LAFRAIT & Co.	On 31st inst. at 11 a.m.
SHANGHAI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA	TENSHIMA MARU	Jap. str.	—	W. O. Passmore	DOUGLAS LAFRAIT & Co.	On 4th Feb. at 10 a.m.
SHANGHAI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA	GOULDENFELS	Ger. str.	—	J. S. Roach	DOUGLAS LAFRAIT & Co.	To-morrow, at 2 p.m.
SHANGHAI	YEDDO	Swed. str.	—	F. H. Rolfe	JARDINE MATHESON & Co., Ltd.	On 30th inst. at 2 p.m.
SHANGHAI, YOKOHAMA, KOBE & MOJI	TOLLAR MARU	Jap. str.	—	Loak	JARDINE MATHESON & Co., Ltd.	On 3rd Feb. at 4 p.m.
TAMBUK via SWATOW & AMOY	DAIGO MARU	Jap. str.	—	M. C. Smith	SHAWAN, TOMES & Co.	On 31st inst. at 4 p.m.
FOOCHOW via SWATOW & AMOY	CHOSHUN MARU	Brit. str.	1 m.	S. Crosby	SHAWAN, TOMES & Co.	On 10th Feb. at 4 p.m.
AMOY, SINGAPORE & SHANGHAI	SHANSHI	Brit. str.	—	Van D. Jalink	YOKO-CHINA-JAPAN LINE	Quick despatch.
SWATOW, AMOY & FOOCHOW	HAIMUN	Brit. str.	2 h.	T. Sato	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	On 5th Feb.
SWATOW, AMOY & FOOCHOW	HAUYANG	Brit. str.	2 h.	F. Wheeler	JARDINE MATHESON & Co., Ltd.	On 29th inst. at Noon.
SWATOW, AMOY & FOOCHOW	HAICHING	Brit. str.	2 h.	Weigall	JARDINE MATHESON & Co., Ltd.	On 31st inst. at Noon.
SWATOW, AMOY & FOOCHOW	HAITAN	Brit. str.	2 h.	F. Sembill	MELCHERS & Co.	Middle of Feb.
MANILA	YUNNANG	Brit. str.	1 m.	F. Jamieson	DOUGLAS LAFRAIT & Co.	On 31st inst. at 10 a.m.
MANILA, ILOILO & CEBU	KAIPOH	Am. str.	—	E. de Catalano	MELCHERS & Co.	On 31st inst. at 9 a.m.
MANILA	LOONGSANG	Am. str.	—	—	—	—
MANILA, MANGARIA, ILOILO & CEBU	RYTH	Am. str.	—	—	—	—
MANILA, MANGARIA, ILOILO & CEBU	TULLIOWING	Dut. str.	—	—	—	—
BATAVIA, CHERIBON, SAMARANG, &c.	TYA MARU	Jap. str.	—	—	—	—
AMOY, SINGAPORE & COLOMBO	K. JAANG	Brit. str.	—	—	—	—
SINGAPORE, PENANG & CALCUTTA	MAUSANG	Brit. str.	—	—	—	—
SANDAKAN	BORNEO	Ger. str.	—	—	—	—
KUDAT & SANDAKAN	SINGAN	Brit. str.	1 m.	—	—	—
ROHROW & HAIPHONG	SI-KIANG	Frean. str.	—	—	—	—
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SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, KOBE and YOKOHAMA	"DERFFLINGER" Capt. F. PROSCH	17,000	5 P.M. 26th Jan.
MANILA, YAP, MARONN, SAMARANG, NEW GUINEA, BRISBANE, SYDNEY and MELBOURNE	"PRINZ WALDEMAR" Capt. H. BREMER	6,100	Saturday, 27th Jan., at 10 A.M.
KOBE and YOKOHAMA	"COBLENZ" Capt. L. KLUGKIST	6,750	About 6th Feb.
KUDAT and SANDAKA	"BORNEO" Capt. F. SEMBELL	5,000	Middle of February.

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STEAMSHIP	DISPLACEMENT	ON
"GOEBEN" Capt. A. AULBORN	17,000 tons	ON FEBRUARY 6TH.
"DERFFLINGER" Capt. F. PROSCH	17,300	ON FEBRUARY 21ST.
"PRINZ EITEL FRIEDRICH" Capt. E. MALCHOW	16,000	ON MARCH 5TH.
"YORCK" Capt. J. BANDELMANN	17,000	ON MARCH 20TH.
"PRINZESS ALICE" Capt. P. GROSCH	20,300	ON APRIL 2ND.
"LUETZOW" Capt. J. BORTFELDT	17,300	ON APRIL 17TH.
"KLEIST" Capt. L. MAASS	17,000	ON APRIL 30TH.

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"EMPRESS OF INDIA" Sat., 27th Jan.	"EMPRESS OF IRELAND" Fri., 23rd Feb.
"EMPRESS OF JAPAN" Sat., 24th Feb.	"EMPRESS OF IRELAND" Fri., 23rd Mar.
"MONTEAGLE" Sat., 23rd Mar.	"EMPRESS OF IRELAND" Fri., 19th Apr.
"EMPRESS OF INDIA" Sat., 20th Apr.	"EMPRESS OF IRELAND" Fri., 17th May.

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S.S. "PATHAN" ... On or about 13th Feb.
For Freight and further information, apply to DODWELL & Co., Ltd., Agents.
Hongkong, 24th January, 1912. [230]

HONGKONG-NEW YORK.

AMERICAN ASIATIC S.S. CO.
FOR NEW YORK VIA PORTS AND SUEZ CANAL.
(With Liberty to call at the Malabar Coast.)
S.S. "KARONGA" ... On or about 5th Mar.
For freight and further information, apply to SHEWAN, TOMES & Co., General Agents.
Hongkong, 24th January, 1912. [231]

PASSED THE CANAL.
Jan. 5th—Bangkok, Ernest Simons, Vorwarts, Rheus, 5th—Aki Maru, Glenloch, Katana, Iwawake, Slavonia, Koda, Kana, Preben, 12th—Indramaya, Japan, Palawan, Pinguey, Wray Castle, Arcadia, 16th—Austria, Benvenute, Miyazaki Maru, Pera, Prinz Eitel Friedrich, Sthonia, 19th—Dumbea, Kleist, Suevia, Miyazaki Maru, Yangtze, 23rd—Calchas, Kiyosaki Maru, Mishima Maru, Scandia, Telamachus, Afghan Prince, Patria.

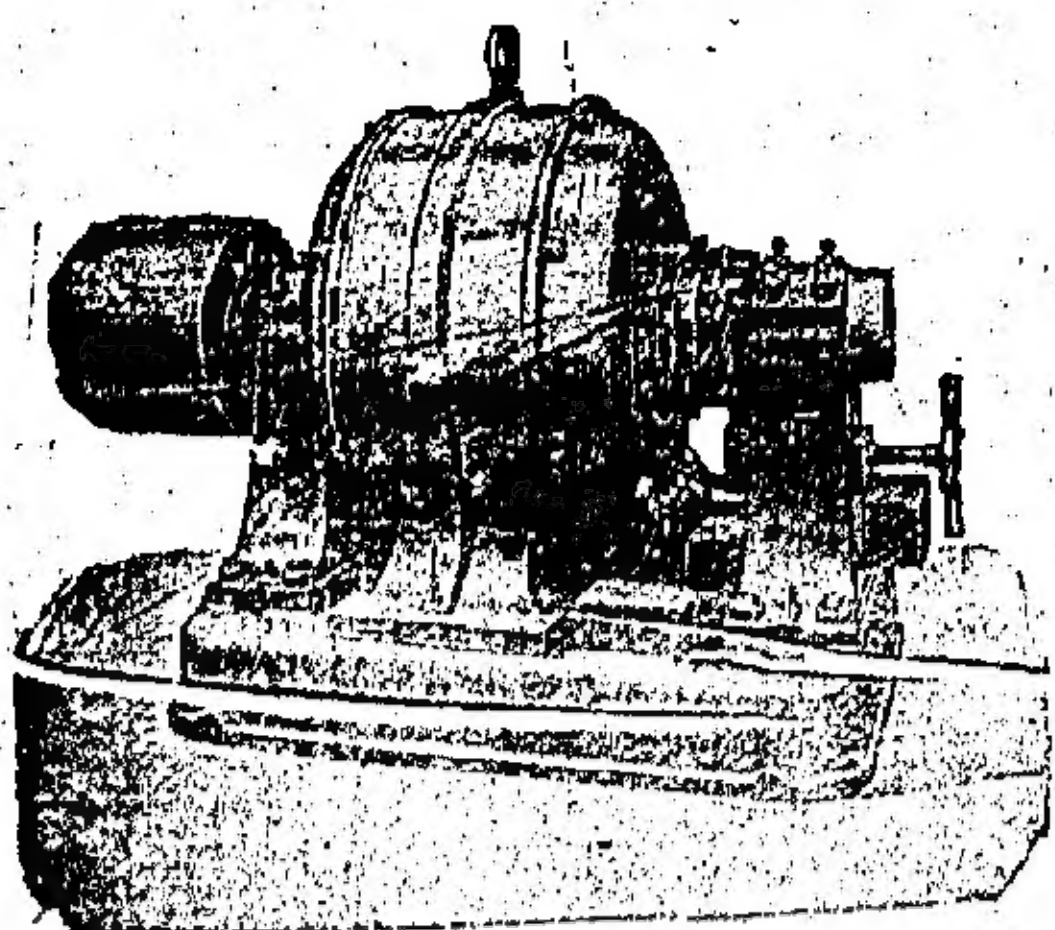
ARRIVALS AT HOME.
January 23rd—Seneca.

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Hongkong, 26th January, 1912.

COMMERCIAL.

CLOSING QUOTATIONS.

January 25th.

ON LONDON—	
Telegraphic Transfer	1/11 1/2
Bank Bills, on demand	1/11 1/2
Bank Bills, at 30 days' sight	1/11 1/2
Bank Bills, at 4 months' sight	1/11 1/2
Credits, at 4 months' sight	1/11 1/2
Documentary Bills, at 4 months' sight	1/11 1/2
ON PARIS—	
Bank Bills, on demand	243
Credit, at 4 months' sight	247 1/2
ON BRUSSELS—	
On demand	197 1/2
ON NEW YORK—	
Bank Bills, on demand	46 1/2
Credit, at 60 days' sight	47 1/2
ON BOMBAY—	
Telegraphic Transfer	143
Bank, on demand	143 1/2
ON CALCUTTA—	
Telegraphic Transfer	143
Bank, on demand	143 1/2
ON SHANGHAI—	
Bank, at sight	74 1/2
Private, 30 days' sight	75 1/2
ON YOKOHAMA—	
On demand	94 1/2
ON MANILA—	
On demand	82 1/2
ON SINGAPORE—	
On demand	115 1/2
ON BATAVIA—	
On demand	7 1/2 p.m.
ON SAIGON—	
On demand	80 1/2
ON BANGKOK—	
On demand	80 1/2
SOVEREIGNS, Bank's Buying Rate	\$10.35
GOLD LEAF, 100 fine, per tael	\$54.80
BAR SILVER, per oz.	26 1/2

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Hongkong	10	\$6.78

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SHARE LIST.—QUOTATIONS. HONGKONG, JANUARY 25th, 1912.

STOCKS.	NO. OF SHARES.	VALUE.	PAID UP.	CLOSING QUOTA- TIONS CASH.
BANKS.—				
Hongkong & Shanghai Bank Corporation	120,000	\$125	all	\$880, sellers
China Borneo Company, Limited	60,000	\$12	all	\$1.00, buyers
China Light and Power Company, Limited	50,000	\$5	all	\$1.30, buyers
China Provident Loan & Mortgage Co., Ltd.	200,000	\$10	all	\$8 1/2
COTTON MILLS.—				
Ewo Cotton Spinning & Weaving Co., Ltd.	20,000	Tls. 50	all	Tls. 63
Hongkong Cotton Spinning Co., Ltd.	125,000	\$10	all	\$5, buyers
International Cotton Manufacturing Co., Ltd.	10,000	Tls. 75	all	Tls. 45
Laon-Kung-Mow C. Spin. & Weav. Co., Ltd.	20,000	Tls. 100	all	Tls. 64
Soy Chee Cotton Spinning Co., Limited	40,000	Tls. 50	all	Tls. 28
DAIRY FARM COMPANY, LIMITED				
Docks and Wharves—				
H'kong & Kowloon Wharf & G. Co., Ltd.	60,000	\$50	all	\$54 1/2, sal. & sel.
Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Co., Ltd.	50,000	\$50	all	\$45
New Army Dock Co., Limited	10,000	\$6 1/2	all	\$8, sellers
Shanghai Dock and Engineering Co., Ltd.	55,700	Tls. 100	all	Tls. 58
Shanghai and Hongkong Wharf Co., Ltd.	36,000	\$10	all	Tls. 95
Green Island Cement Co., Limited	400,000	\$10	all	\$23, buyers
Hongkong and China Gas Co., Limited	7,000	\$10	all	\$20
Hongkong Electric Co., Limited	12,000	\$10	all	\$114
Hongkong Hotel Company, Limited	8,000	\$50	all	\$72 1/2, buyers
Manila Metropole Hotel Limited	15,000	P. 10	all	P. 9, sellers
Hongkong Ice Company, Limited	50,000	\$25	all	\$215, sellers
Hongkong Ice Manufacturing Co., Limited	60,000	\$10	all	\$18, sellers
H'kong & South China Steam Fisheries Co., Ltd.	15,000	\$10	all	\$5
INSURANCES.—				
Canton Insurance Office Co., Limited	10,000	\$250	\$50	\$197 1/2
China Fire Insurance Co., Limited	20,000	\$100	\$20	\$151 1/2
China Traders Insurance Co., Limited	24,000	\$53.33	\$25	\$105
Hongkong Fire Insurance Co., Limited	10,000	\$250	\$50	\$361, sales
North-China Insurance Co., Limited	12,400	\$15	\$5	Tls. 147 1/2
Union Insurance Society, Limited	12,000	\$250	\$100	\$850
Yangtze Insurance Association, Limited	12,000	\$100	\$50	\$212 1/2, @ Ex 73
LANDS AND BUILDINGS.—				
Hongkong Land Invest. Agency Co., Ltd.	50,000	\$100	all	\$102
Hongkong Estate and Finance Co., Ltd.	150,000	\$10	all	\$61, buyers
Kowloon Land and Building Co., Ltd.	6,000	\$50	\$50	\$32, buyers
Shanghai Land Investment Co., Limited	74,000	Tls. 50	all	Tls. 93
West Point Building Co., Limited	12,500	\$50	all	\$51, buyers
Matschappij tot Mijl. Bosch en Landbouw exploitatie in Langkat	25,000	Gds. 10	all	Tls. 81, sellers
MINING.—				
Société Française des Chars de Tonkin	16,000	Fos. 250	all	\$695
Ramb Australian Gold Mining Co., Ltd.	200,000	\$1	all	\$3.80
Peak Tramways Co., Limited	25,000	\$10	all	\$11 1/2, buyers
Philippine Co., Limited	50,000	\$10	\$1	\$1.10
REFINERIES.—				
China Sugar Refining Co., Limited	20,000	\$100	all	\$104, sal. & bu.
Luzon Sugar Refining Co., Limited	7,000	\$100	all	\$37, sellers
STEAMSHIP COMPANIES.—				
China and Manila Steamship Co., Ltd.	30,000	\$25	all	\$11, sales
Douglas Steamship Co., Limited	20,000	\$50	all	\$21
Hongkong, Canton & Amoy S.S. Co., Ltd.	60,000 prof.	\$10	all	\$27, sellers
Indo-China Steam Navigation Co., Ltd.	60,000 def.	\$5	all	\$57, sal. & L'don
Shanghai and Amoy S.S. Co., Ltd.	250,000	\$1	all	\$11 1/2, buyers
Star Ferry Company, Limited	10,000	\$10	all	\$27 1/2
South China Morning Post, Limited	10,000	\$10	all	\$17
Steam Laundry Company, Limited	6,000	\$25	all	\$22 1/2
STORES AND DISPENSARIES.—				
Campbell, Moore & Co., Limited	1,200	\$10	all	\$20, buyers
Wm. Powell, Limited	15,000	\$7	all	\$43, buyers
Watkins, Limited	10,000	\$10	all	\$4
A. S. Watson & Co., Limited	90,000	\$10	all	\$12 1/2, r. div.
Wolfsman, Limited	3,000	\$10	all	\$12, buyers
Gande Price & Co., Ltd.	50,000	\$10	all	\$10
United Asbestos Oriental Agency, Limited	9,930 ordy.	\$10	all	\$300
Union Waterboat Co., Limited	100 ordy.	\$10	all	\$8, sales
RUBBER.—				
Para Rubber in London				4 1/2 per lb., sellers
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Saturday, 27th Jan.—Grand Variety Entertainment of Hongkong Amateur Dramatic Club at the Theatre Royal, 9 P.M.
Monday, 5th Feb.—Twenty-Third Ordinary Meeting of The Kowloon Land and Building Co., Ltd., Noon.
Tuesday, 6th Feb.—Ninety-First Ordinary Half-Yearly Meeting of Hongkong, Canton and Amoy Steamship Co., Ltd., Noon.
Wednesday, 7th Feb.—Meeting of the Licensing Board in the Council Chamber, 2.15 P.M.
Friday and Saturday, 1st and 2nd March.—Flower and Vegetable Show of Hongkong Horticultural Society at Vacant Ground opposite Hongkong Club.

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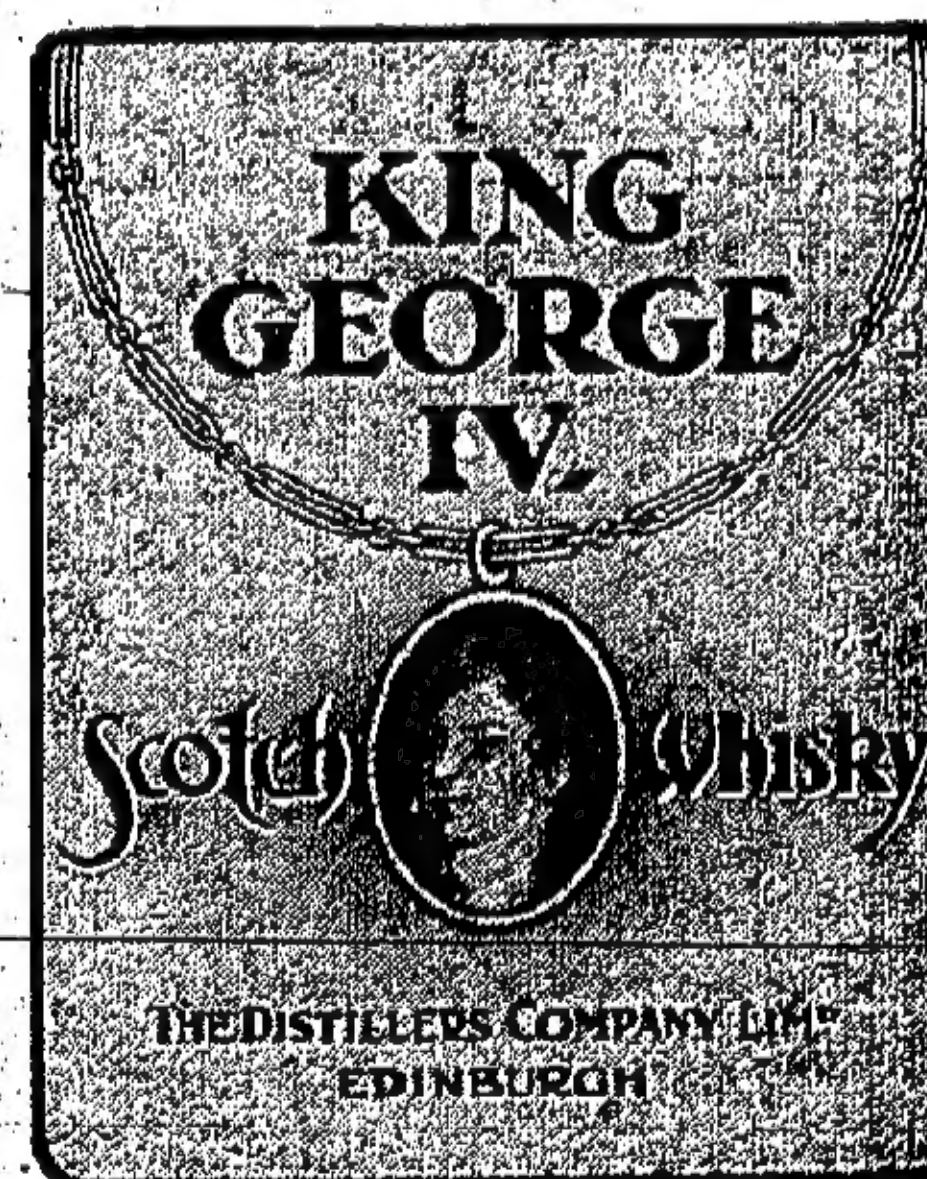


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